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**AMENDMENT A**

Honorable Commissioner for Patents,  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 08/04/2005, kindly amend the above application as follows.